

## VERMONT WORKING LANDS ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE

# Adam's Berry Farm

Charlotte, VT



Adam's Berry Farm is a thriving community oriented farm that grows delicious certified organic strawberries, blueberries, raspberries and table grapes.



Adam's Berry Farm will be purchasing and installing walk in freezers and refrigerators to support their existing business. Currently they have access through their lease at the Intervale but with their upcoming move to newly acquired land they will lose this access. Therefore they are looking to support the stability of their berry business and their established markets. They have come to rely on their berries through existing contracts. The infrastructure construction will also aid in the development growth of new markets in the local food system through greater production and year round value added product offerings.

Total Working Lands Grant—\$15,000.00

Total Match provided by Adam's Berry Farm—\$4,110.00

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## GRANT RECIPIENT UPDATE - DECEMBER '13



With assistance from the WLEF grant, Adam's Berry Farm has been able to construct expanded refrigeration and freezing units at their new operation. This increase in space, will allow the berry farm to store up to 10,000 lb of frozen fruit and 40,000 pounds of fresh fruit over the growing season. The support of WLEF helps expand the local market and season of Vermont grown organic berries.

It has been a busy year at Adam's Berry farm. The entire operation has been either transplanted or replanted at the farm's new location in Charlotte. Summer was consumed with this relocation to ensure that the perennials would be healthy for future seasons. The harvest was intentionally lighter this year to allow the plants to resettle. With a reduced harvest, the farm was able to concentrate on complementary projects to help increase their production abilities and expansion of the Vermont fresh and frozen berry market. The fall work has been focused on the construction of a new barn facility to house the future needs of the business. This space is now ready for installation of their newly ordered refrigeration and freezing equipment.